

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

ENVIRONMENT (WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND CLEANUP)

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$13.5 billion to a number of existing federal programs that either directly invest in water infrastructure projects or provide assistance to states and localities for such activities. Most of these funds are distributed to states based on existing formulas but the federal government will administer some of the funds through a competitive grant and loan program. The legislation also appropriates additional funding for cleanup programs administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Grant: **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
Amount: \$4 billion total, \$180.9 million for Texas
Type: Funding provided to states is used to make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Administrator: Texas Water Development Board
Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Activities: Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>
State Contact: Texas Water Development Board
Mailing Address: Stephen F. Austin Bldg.
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, Texas 78711-3231
Telephone: (512) 463-7847
Fax: (512) 475-2053
E-Mail: info@twdb.state.tx.us
<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/stimulus/index.htm>

Grant: **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**
Amount: \$2 billion total, \$160.6 million for Texas
Type: Funding provided to states is used to make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
Administrator: Texas Water Development Board
Provisions: Directs priority funding to projects on state priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment.
Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.

Activities: Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems.

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Grant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Amount: \$2 billion for construction activities.

Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.

Website: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recovery Website:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/>
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx>
Albuquerque Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 505-342-3100
Fort Worth Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 817-886-1326

Grant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

Amount: \$2 billion for operation and maintenance activities.

Type: Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.

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Grant: Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Purpose: Provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought.

Website: <http://www.usbr.gov/>

Grant: Watershed Infrastructure

Amount: \$340 million

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Purpose: Watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

Grant: **Rural Water and Waste Disposal**
Amount: \$1.38 billion
Type: Grants
Agency: Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Department
Purpose: Help communities with populations of 10,000 or less fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>
Contact: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>
Texas USDA Rural Development State Office
101 South Main Street, Suite 102
Temple, TX 76501
Phone: (254) 742-9700
Fax: (254) 742-9709

Grant: **Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up**
Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects
Type: Low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and nonprofit organizations.
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm>

Grant: **Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup**
Amount: \$600 million
Administrator: Environmental Protection Agency
Provisions: Funds will be limited to the 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment.
Website: Priority List: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm>

Grant: **Diesel Emission Reduction Program**
Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.
Type: Competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nationwide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs.
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>
www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>
Webform: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
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Grant: **Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust**
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)
State Contacts: <http://www.epa.gov/oust/states/tx.htm>
Underground Storage/Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program in Texas is run through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.